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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF

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ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Suspect Missile Facilities at Surovatikha and
Zharebkovo (Balta), USSR

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement AFIC-13/61
(b) NPIC Project JN-193/61

1. This memorandum is in reply to a request to determine the nature of facilities near Surovatikha at 55-43N 43-54E and near Zharebkovo (or Balta) at 47-51N 29-55E and particularly to determine whether these facilities are missile-related.

2. An examination of available photography of the installations at Surovatikha and Zharebkovo (Balta) does not tend to indicate missile association. The two sites appear to be similar and a part of a group of several large storage sites serving as regional military arsenals or depots.

3. A comparative study of these installations (including six others -- Sverdlovsk [Donok], Tambov, Berdichev, Glazov, Novaya Mezinovka, and Toropets) is in preparation for publication under PIC Project JP-71/60 answering Requirement IR-15-0. According to this study, all of the eight installations display distinctive "ladder-type" storage and handling facilities. Recent photography available on four sites -- Surovatikha, Zhareb-

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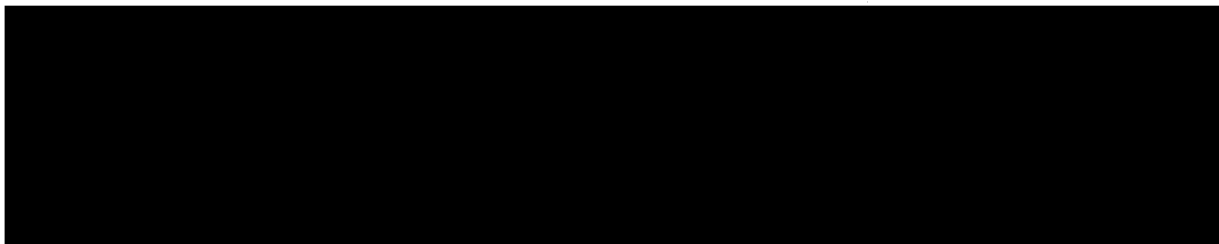
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